



Celebrating Our 60th Season!



— at the —
Ivoryton Playhouse

1989 SEASON

5 GREAT SHOWS = 11 WEEKS OF ENTERTAINMENT!

Delicious summer fare!

**THE
DINING ROOM**

by A.R. Gurney, Jr.

Vignettes on the wit, wisdom and
vagaries of the American WASP

JUNE 20 - JULY 1

Smash hit comedy!

**BAREFOOT
IN THE PARK**

by Neil Simon

A couple of charming newlyweds
skyrocket into Manhattan madness

JULY 4 - JULY 15

The belly laugh is back!

**A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM**

Great music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by Larry Gelbart and Burt Shevelove

Riotous musical farce, Roman style! 3-week run

JULY 18 - AUGUST 5

Stirring backstage drama!

**THE
DRESSER**

by Ronald Harwood

Tragi-comedy played against a
backdrop of the British blitz

AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 19

The famous thriller!

**NIGHT
MUST FALL**

by Emlyn Williams

Chilling mystery classic
keeps the audience a-tingle

AUGUST 22 - SEPT. 3



at the
Ivoryton Playhouse

THEATRE FOR CHILDREN
MAIN STREET, IVORYTON

All Performances At 11:00 a.m.

EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW

SUMMER OF 1989

FRIDAY, June 30 - "LITTLE THIEF OF BAGDAD"
(Performed by The Bennington Puppets)

SATURDAY, July 8 - "PETER AND THE WOLF"
(Performed by The Penny Bridge Players)

SATURDAY, July 15 - "PUSS IN BOOTS"
(Performed by The Penny Bridge Players)

FRIDAY, July 21 - "LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD"
(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

SATURDAY, July 29 - "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"
(Performed by Kit & Kaboodle)

SATURDAY, August 5 - "PETER IN NEVERLAND"
(Performed by Once Upon A Time)

SATURDAY, August 12 - "AESOP'S FABLES & OTHER STORIES"
(Performed by The Thimble Island Theatre)

MONDAY, August 14 - "PINOCCHIO"
Special Performance at 7:00 P.M.
AND

FRIDAY, August 18 - "PINOCCHIO"
(Performed by River Rep's own Youth Theatre)

SATURDAY, August 26 - "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN"
(Performed by Carousel Children's Theatre)
Special Added Performance at 1:00 PM

**All
Seats
\$4**

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THE IVORYTON

A THEATRE BUILT BY CONNECTICUT INDUSTRY

In 1908, Comstock Cheney & Co., a company involved in the manufacture of ivory products, built a theatre for members of their factory workforce. Touring companies of vaudeville acts entertained the community regularly and the theatre played host to enthusiastic audiences and eager troupes.

In 1915, the silver screen found its way to the bucolic knoll of Ivoryton, and the recently built theatre captivated audiences with a new kind of entertainment that would revolutionize the business of performing arts.

The theatre flourished. Via this new medium, great stars like Rudolf Valentino, Charlie Chaplin, Lillian Gish found their way to the remote Ivoryton theatre. Milton Steifel, a Broadway stage director, launched the "Ivoryton Experiment." With an opening production of a light comedy, Mr. Steifel founded the first summer stock theatre in Connecticut and the second in the United States.

THE IVORYTON TOMORROW: A THEATRE FOR ALL SEASONS

It was during the second season that a young actress was introduced to Connecticut audiences. Her performances were met with warm enthusiasm, and she became the leading lady. Some of the plays she appeared in were "The Little Accident", "Let Us Be Gay" and "The Man Came Back" with Henry Hull.

This young actress was none other than Katharine Hepburn and the Ivoryton Theatre's early success and reputation will always bear a debt of gratitude to this talented legend.

In 1979, the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation Inc. was established and this non-profit organization acquired the physical plant which is the Ivoryton Theatre.

The trustees reached the determination that the future of this historic theatrical landmark cannot be served by anything less than a serious fundraising effort to make it more than a summer auditorium for transient theatrical enterprises.

For concerts, dance performances, serious theatre and performing arts of all kinds, on both a national level and a local level, the community desperately needs a proper facility.

The Ivoryton Playhouse presents a rare opportunity to give to us and our children a place for performing arts; a place with roots that lend perspective to the stars of tomorrow.

Steifel succeeded. And with your help and generosity, so will we.

THE RIVER REP
at the
IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE
presents

THE DINING ROOM

by

A.R. GURNEY, JR.

with

**Martha
Farrar**

**Warren
Kelley**

**Evan
Thompson**

**Jenn
Thompson**

**Owen
Thompson**

**Jen
Wolfe**

Directed by

JANE STANTON

Setting by

Bob Phillips

Lighting by

Craig Kennedy

Production Stage Manager

Court Sweeting

Welcome to the **3rd Season** of
THE RIVER REP
at Ivoryton

Celebrate the **60th SEASON** of the
IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

THE RIVER REP

is a professional company
dedicated to bringing you the best
in theatre

Producing Partners:

Warren Kelley
Jane Stanton
Joan Shepard
Evan Thompson
James A. Wilson

**DON'T MISS THE REST OF OUR
EXCITING 1989 SEASON**

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Neil Simon's Most Hilarious Comedy
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THE DINING ROOM

THE CAST

(in order of speaking)

Martha Farrar*
Warren Kelley*
Owen Thompson*
Jen Wolfe*
Evan Thompson*
Jenn Thompson*

****Member of Actors' Equity Association***

The play takes place in a dining room — or rather, many dining rooms — inhabited by many families over the years.

Act I

— INTERMISSION —

Act II

This play is produced by arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service.

THE DINING ROOM was first produced
Off-Broadway by Playwrights Horizons in 1982.

**The use of cameras and/or recording devices
is strictly prohibited.**

The River Rep is a division of Fanfare Theatre Ensemble, Inc.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Artistic Director	Jane Stanton
Managing Director	Joan Shepard
Production Coordinator	Linda Carol Young
Production Stage Manager	Court Sweeting
Technical Director	Ron A. Gasparinetti
Assistant Technical Director	Barbara Dondero
Master Electrician	Adam Zonder
Sound	Jim Wilson
Press Representative	Bobbie Gelinias-Wight
House Manager	Linda Berg
Assistant to Mr. Phillips	David Banuelos
Construction Crew	Betsy Costa, Jenny Fisk, Deborah Flanagan, Matt Granger, Jon Jacobson, Madeline Kibbe, Jenny Ellen Mooz, Brian Nelson, Lindsay O'Neill, Missy Rostkoski, Heather Sapey, Barbara Wettmore, David Wertheimer, Amanda Wind, Adam Zonder
Box Office Treasurers	Harriet Moran, Jenny Fisk, JoAnn Mahoney, Jenny Ellen Mooz, Kathleen Sterling
Concessions	Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation

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PHILIP B. CHAMBERLAIN CO. for the dining room table and incidental chairs, MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY BARN for the tea cart and dining room chairs, Clavier Music for the donation of the piano. Also thanks to Connecticut College Dept. of Theatre, Colonial Theatre of Westerly, R.I., Pfizer Players, Triangle Theatre Co., ENE Lighting, CVC, Bill & Dee Grover, and Connie Treadwell. Floral bouquet courtesy of Forget-me-not Floral Shop.

The River Rep is deeply indebted to the members of the community who are generously providing housing for the company.